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SUBJECT: RWANDA: UNAMIR EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

REF: STATE 156840

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE USG IS CONCERNED THAT CONFUSION OVER THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT COULD DELAY THE DEPLOYMENT TO RWANDA OF FORCES NEEDED TO CARRY OUT UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 925 OF JUNE 8. IN ORDER TO SPEED THIS DEPLOYMENT, WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITS OFFERED AND THEN ON THE COUNTRIES WHICH COULD PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT.

3. ACTION FOR USUN: THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH USYG KOFI ANNAN AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

0 THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO SEND A TEAM FROM THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TO NEW YORK AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO CONSULT WITH ANNAN'S MILITARY ADVISORS ON A STANDARD LIST OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE UN FORCES IN RWANDA TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION.

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- 0 WE BELIEVE THAT AGREEMENT ON SUCH A LIST WILL ASSIST THE UN IN SEEKING EQUIPMENT AND AVOID HARMFUL COMPARISONS AMONG DIFFERENT COUNTRIES' FORCES.
- 0 THE U.S. PROPOSES THAT, ONCE SUCH A LIST HAS BEEN AGREED,
ANNAN CALL A MEETING OF TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES AND POTENTIAL EQUIPMENT CONTRIBUTORS TO WORK OUT AGREEMENTS.
- 0 ONE POSSIBILITY WHICH MIGHT BE EXPLORED WOULD BE TO IDENTIFY EQUIPMENT CONTRIBUTORS WHO WOULD "ADOPT" A BATTALION AND MAKE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS NOT ONLY FOR PROVIDING THE EQUIPMENT BUT ALSO FOR TRANSPORT, TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE.
- 4. FOR UNSC CAPITALS: PLEASE APPROACH YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS AND ASK THAT, AS SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER STATES WHICH VOTED FOR UNSCR 925, THEY DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO ASSIST TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES TO DEFEND RWANDA. EMBASSIES MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT THE U.S. IS EXPLORING IDEAS WITH THE UN WHICH MIGHT SPEED DEPLOYMENT AND ASK FOR PROPOSALS HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY HAVE. PLEASE REPORT REACTIONS. YY

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